

the Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a joint hearing to examine women and the Arab Spring, after receiving testimony from Melanne Vermeer, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, and Tamara Cofman Wittes, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near East Affairs, and Deputy Special Coordinator for Middle East Transitions, both of the Department of State; Manal Omar, United States Institute of Peace (USIP), and Sandra L. Bunn-Livingstone, Freedom, both of Washington, D.C.; and Mahnaz Afkhami, Women's Learning Partnership, Bethesda, Maryland.

AVIATION SECURITY TEN YEARS AFTER 9/11

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on the next wave in aviation security, after receiving testimony from John Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Roger Dow, U.S. Travel Association, and Kenneth J. Dunlap, International Air Transport Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Charles M. Barclay, American Association of Airport Executives, Alexandria, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jacqueline H. Nguyen, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Feinstein, and Gregg Jeffrey Costa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and David Campos Guaderrama, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, who were both introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ASSISTED LIVING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ensuring quality and oversight in assisted living, after receiving testimony from Barbara Coulter Edwards, Director, Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid, CHIP, and Survey and Certification, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Martha A. Roherty, National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities, and Stephen J. Maag, LeadingAge, both of Washington, D.C.; Larry Polivka, Florida State University, Tallahassee; Robert Jenkins, NCB Capital Impact, Arlington, Virginia; and Alfredo Navas, Cutler Bay, Florida.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 3306–3331 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 453, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2930) to amend the securities laws to provide for registration exemptions for certain crowd-funded securities, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2940) to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to eliminate the prohibition against general solicitation as a requirement for a certain exemption under Regulation D. (H. Rept. 112–265). Pages H7249, H7255

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Paulsen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:23 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. Page H7220

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Civilian Service Recognition Act of 2011: H.R. 2061, amended, to authorize the presentation of a United States flag at the funeral of Federal civilian employees who are killed while performing official duties or because of their status as a Federal employee, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 425 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 818;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize the presentation of a United States flag on behalf of Federal civilian employees who die of injuries in connection with their employment.”

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Amending the securities laws to establish certain thresholds for shareholder registration: H.R.

1965, amended, to amend the securities laws to establish certain thresholds for shareholder registration, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 819; **Pages H7226–29, H7235–36**

Small Company Capital Formation Act of 2011: H.R. 1070, amended, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to authorize the Securities and Exchange Commission to exempt a certain class of securities from such Act, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 820; and **Pages H7229–32, H7236**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Securities Act of 1933 to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to exempt a certain class of securities from such Act.” **Page H7236**

Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2011: S. 894, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2011, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. **Pages H7232–34**

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People’s Republic of China—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People’s Republic of China: Representatives Wolf, Manzullo, and Royce. **Page H7236**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:27 p.m. and reconvened at 6:32 p.m. **Page H7254**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7220.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7234–35, H7235–36, H7236. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE SEQUESTRATION

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Future of the Military Services and Consequences of Defense Sequestration.” Testimony was heard from General Raymond T. Odierno, USA, Chief of Staff of the Army; Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Chief of Staff of the Air Force; and General James F. Amos, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

COMBAT AVIATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2012 Combat Aviation Programs Update. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral W. Mark Skinner, USN, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition), U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General Terry G. Robling, USMC, Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps; Rear Admiral Kenneth E. Floyd, USN, Director of the Air Warfare Division, U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General Herbert J. (Hawk) Carlisle, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, U.S. Air Force; and Major General Jay H. Lindell, USAF, Director, Global Power Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary (Acquisition), U.S. Air Force.

U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on the Current Status and Future Direction for U.S. Nuclear Weapons Policy and Posture. Testimony was heard from James N. Miller, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; General C. Robert Kehler, USAF, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; Ellen O. Tauscher, Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Department of State; and Thomas P. D’Agostino, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

HEALTH LAW MANDATES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Do New Health Law Mandates Threaten Conscience Rights and Access to Care?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: The First 100 Days.” Testimony was heard from Raj Date, Special Advisor to the Secretary of the Treasury, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

HUD HOME PROGRAM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity; and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled “Fraud in the HUD HOME Program.” Testimony was heard from John P. McCarty, Acting Deputy Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Kenneth Donohue,